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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Kuo-Liang Peng

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10/8/04 Preliminary amendment.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 14, 15, 18 and 21-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 14, 15, 18 and 21-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. The Applicants' preliminary amendment filed on October 8, 2004 was received. Claims 1-3, 16-17 and 19-20 are deleted. Claims 14-15 and 18 are amended. Claims 21-26 are added. Now, Claims 14-15, 18 and 21-26 are pending.

2. Applicants are advised to update the status of U.S. Application No. 10/004,146.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 14-15, 18 and 21-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Toyashima (US 4 954 586).

Toyashima discloses a method of producing ophthalmic device such as contact lens, etc. from a polymeric composition produced by polymerizing a monomer mixture comprising an aromatic-based siloxane macromonomer of formula (I) wherein R^{13} to R^{18} independently represents an alkyl group or a phenyl group and an alkyl methacrylate such as 2-ethylhexyl methacrylate. Toyashima further teaches the use of a non-siloxy aromatic-based monomer such as benzyl (meth)acrylate or styrenes. Toyashima further teaches the use of a hydrophilic monomer such as N,N-dimethyl acrylamide. Toyashima further teaches the use of cyclopentyl methacrylate or cyclohexyl methacrylate. Toyashima further teaches the use of a crosslinker such as ethylene glycol di(meth)acrylate, triethylene glycol di(meth)acrylate, etc. (col. 3, line 14 to col. 4, line 35, col. 7, lines 18-21, col. 10, line 44 to col. 11, line 6, col. 11, lines 23-26 and 47, col. 16, lines 18-43 and Examples)

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kuo-Liang Peng whose telephone number is (571) 272-1091. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.


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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Randy Gulakowski, can be reached on (571) 272-1302. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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December 10, 2004


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